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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – White Nationalist Sentenced for 2016 Attack

(U) The only white supremacist charged in a 2016 melee at the California state Capitol that injured at least 14 people was sentenced Wednesday to four years in prison. William Scott Planer, 36, pleaded no contest in April to assault likely to produce great bodily injury. Sacramento County prosecutors say he knocked a defenseless person unconscious with a pole during a fight between members of the white-nationalist Traditionalist Worker Party and anti-fascist counter-protesters.

SOURCE: 3 July 2019, [AP](#)

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(U) Maryland – Online City Pay Site Hit by Ransomware Attack

(U) Baltimore – Baltimore officials said Wednesday that people can once again pay property tax bills and parking tickets online, although the city's water billing system remains unavailable about eight weeks after a ransomware attack took down the city's computer systems. The restored services are another milestone in the city's lengthy recovery from the attack, which involved hackers locking up files and demanding a payment.

SOURCE: 3 July 2019, [Baltimore Sun](#)

(U) Montana – 13 Charged with Smuggling Illegal Items into Jail

(U) Great Falls – Thirteen people have been charged in a conspiracy to smuggle illegal articles into the Cascade County regional jail in Great Falls. Sheriff Jesse Slaughter said Wednesday that 11 of the suspects have been arrested. Slaughter says the scheme involved bonding someone out of jail, having them swallow or otherwise hide drugs or other contraband, and then doing something to get re-arrested to bring the items into the jail.

SOURCE: 3 July 2019, [The Missoulian](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Bosnia – Two Sentenced for Plotting ISIS Inspired Attack

(U) Sarajevo – Bosnia's state court sentenced two Islamists to four and 2-1/2 years respectively in prison yesterday after convicting them of plotting a terrorist attack on security police. Maksim Bozic, an Orthodox Serb convert to Islam, and Edin Hastor, a Bosniak Muslim, both members of the ultra-conservative Salafi movement, were found guilty of cooperating with unnamed persons in obtaining weapons and explosive device. Prosecutors said the pair planned an attack on the headquarters of the State Protection and Investigation Agency in Sarajevo and the interior ministry of the northern canton of Tuzla.

SOURCE: 4 July 2019, [Reuters](#)

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(U) Brazil – Dozens Arrested for Murder, Extortion

(U) Rio de Janeiro – Police in Rio de Janeiro arrested more than 40 people yesterday for their alleged roles in a murderous gang that extorted companies working for state-run oil company Petrobras and established a secret cemetery to dispose of rivals. The arrests highlight how South America's third largest city and suburbs have struggled with the growing power of so-called militias — criminal groups run by retired and off-duty police officers dominating distribution of utilities and basic goods for millions of residents. Police continued to pursue additional arrests yesterday afternoon, saying that over 70 people were "targets" of the investigation, code-named Operation Savior.

SOURCE: 4 July 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Switzerland – UN: 5,287 Killed in Venezuela Security Operations in 2018

(U) Geneva – Venezuela's government registered nearly 5,300 killings during security operations last year linked to cases of "resistance to authority," the UN human rights chief reported yesterday, denouncing a "shockingly high" number of extrajudicial killings. Michelle Bachelet's report focusing on the last 18 months follows her trip to the troubled South American country last month and draws upon over 550 interviews conducted by her office with rights defenders, victims, witnesses of rights violations and other sources. Authorities in Maduro's government tallied 5,287 killings during security operations that were classified as cases of "resistance to authority," plus another 1,569 this year through 19 May, the report said.

SOURCE: 4 July 2019, [AP](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Forensic Services Firm Paid Ransom after Cyber-Attack

(U) London – The UK's biggest provider of forensic services has paid a ransom to criminals after its IT systems were disrupted in a cyber-attack. Eurofins Scientific was infected with a ransomware computer virus a month ago, which led British police to suspend work with the global testing company. At the time, the firm described the attack as "highly sophisticated."

SOURCE: 5 July 2019, [BBC](#)

(U) United Kingdom – UK Slavery Ring Suspects Sentenced

(U) London – Members of a gang behind the biggest modern-day slavery network ever exposed in the UK have been sentenced. Police believe more than 400 victims were put to work in the West Midlands by the organized crime gang. They tricked vulnerable people from Poland into England with the promise of work and a better life. Eight offenders, who police say are members and associates of two Polish crime families, have been convicted of slavery, trafficking, and money-laundering offenses.

SOURCE: 5 July 2019, [BBC](#)

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